

# Fish and Waterfowl Consumption Risk Assessment

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- Fish and waterfowl consumption primary concern/highest risks
- Evaluated risks at locations in MA and CT
- PCBs and TEQ
- Point estimate and probabilistic techniques



### Locations and Species

#### <u>Fish</u>

- Reaches 5 and 6 brown bullhead, largemouth bass, sunfish, and yellow perch
- Rising Pond same
- West Cornwall and Bulls Bridge, CT smallmouth bass
- West Cornwall trout
- Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar smallmouth bass

#### **Ducks**

Reaches 5 and 6 – wood duck and mallard



# Sample Numbers

Species	Reaches 5 and 6	Rising Pond	West Cornwall/ Bull's Bridge	Lake Lillinonah/Lake Zoar
Fish				
Brown bullhead	43	22		
Brown trout			60	
Largemouth bass	30	11		
Smallmouth bass			40	40
Sunfish	52	13		
Yellow perch	75	14		
Fish Totals	200	60	100	40
Waterfowl				
Mallard	5			
Wood duck	20			
Waterfowl Total	25			
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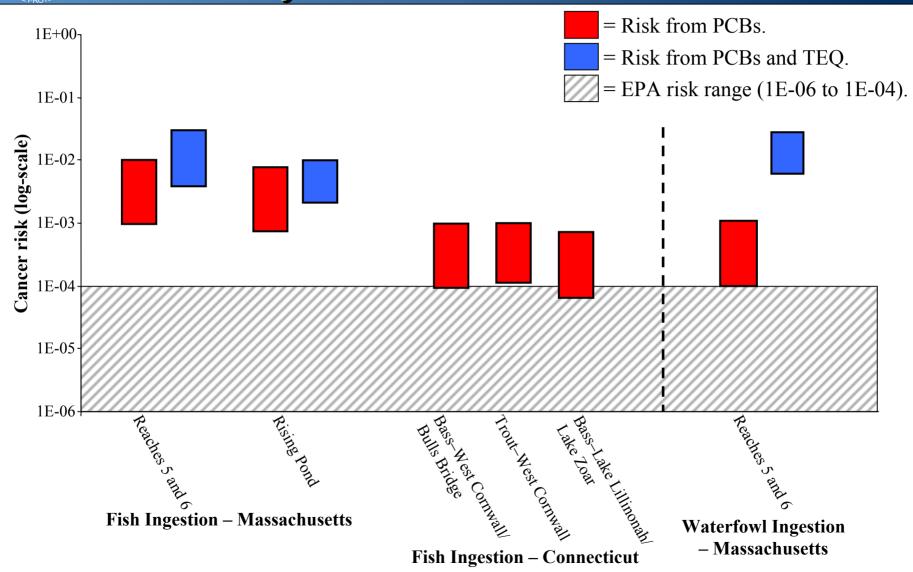


### **Exposure Parameters**

- Concentration in tissue
- Consumption rates
- Frequency
- Duration
- Cooking method

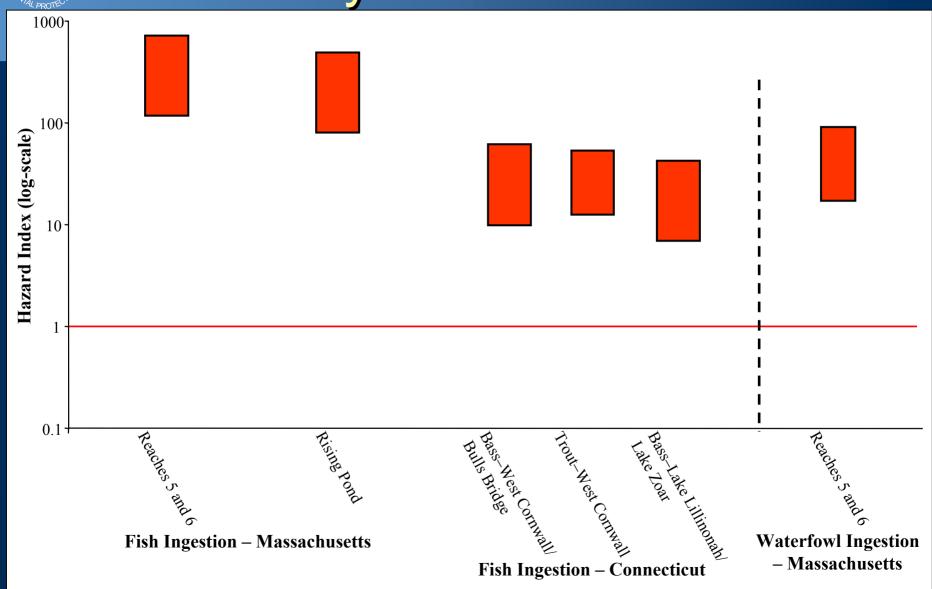


### Summary of Cancer Risk Estimates





#### Summary of Hazard Indices



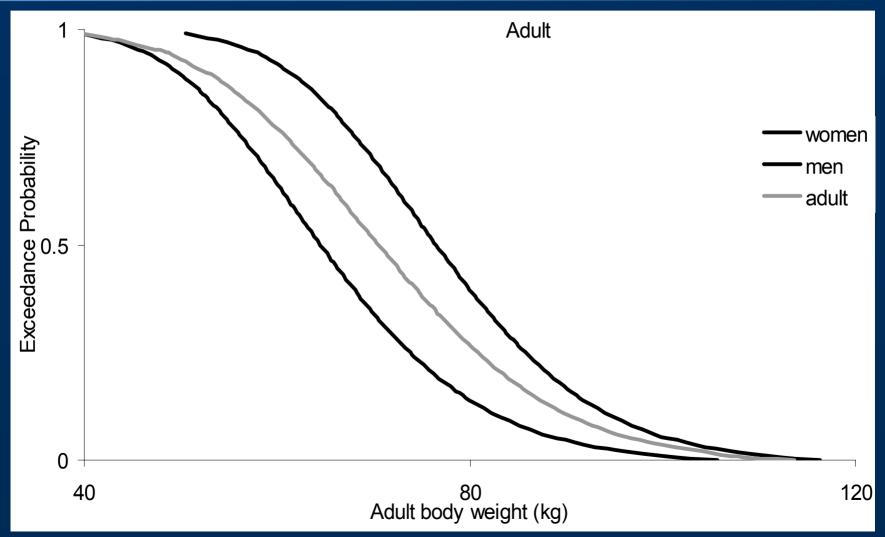


#### Probabilistic Risk Assessment

- People are different
- Purpose is to characterize variability and uncertainty
- Variability differences in people in a population
- Uncertainty incomplete knowledge about the world
- Predicts a range of risk instead of single number

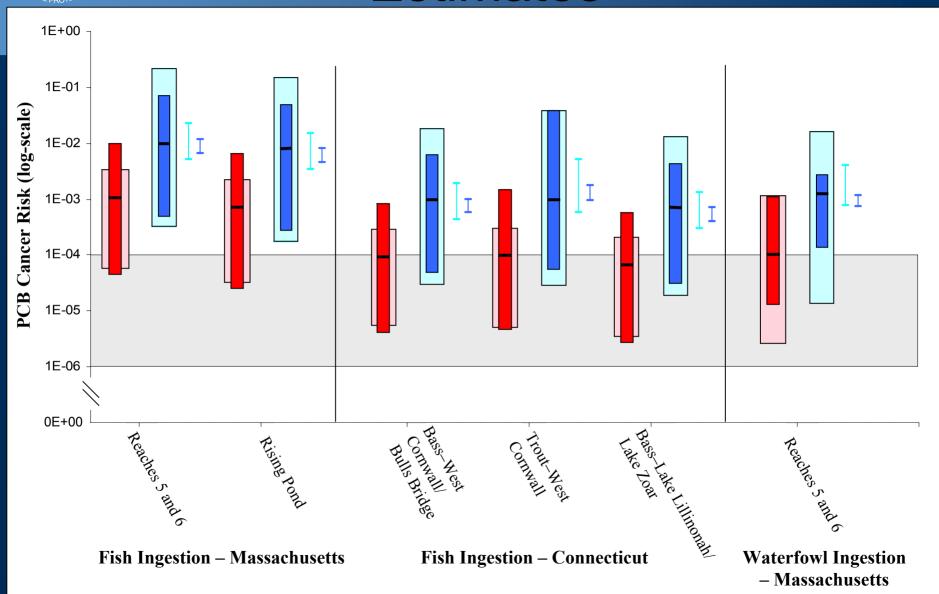


#### Probabilistic Data Distribution





# Summary of PRA Cancer Risk Estimates





## Summary of PRA Hazard Indices

